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CZAR LONELY AND GLOOMY

INFLUENCES THAT RULE THE that the immediate future lies. It is no EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

The Grand Dukes Fast Disappearing Only Funeral Masses Bring the Czar to St. Petersburg-Stelypin's Power-Will Nicholas Turn Récluse:

PETERSBURG. Feb. 21.-The old order changeth, the brotherhood of grand the Czar's two senior uncles have been

The other day it was Nicholas Nicholaievitch, deposed from the presidency of the Council of Imperial Defence; now it is his brother Peter Nicholaievitch, removed from the inspectorship-general of military engineering, both of them cousins of the Czar As the ranks of his kinsmen thin out around the throne the spectacle of the lonely, melancholy little ruler fills more space in the public

It is a literal fact that the only inducement that has succeeded in bringing the Czar to his capital in the last four years has been to hear the burial service or masses for the repose of the souls of his dead relatives. It was so when he suddenly appeared for the inauguration of the memorial church which rears its rergeous Byzantine shape near the Lkaterine Canal on the spot where his grandfather. Alexander II., fell to the of the memorial church which rears its

consternation of his unwarned police shadowers to be in time to hear the ciergy read the first "panihide." Between then and the final laying to rest of the Grand Duke in the fortress church of Peter-Paul the Czar stood through five rvices of inordinate length.

He has finally classed himself as the melancholy monarch, just as his father stood for the supreme type of taciturn disciplinarian and his grandfather, Alexander II., for the generous, pliable and fanciful Slav of fabulous tradition. People remark the contrast between Vladimir and the Czar and speculate on how Russia will be affected by their ruler's turning more and more inward to his own ruminations.

Opinion abroad decided from the outset of Russia's present troubles to speak of the Grand Dukes or the Grand Ducal coterie or camarilla as being much the same accursed visitation to the body politic that the present cholera epidemic is to public health. This opinion is founded on fairly sound instinct, but it s not anything like an explanation of the influences that rule the Czar. Especially is it misleading if it suggests that the dying out of his male relatives is likely to make him a more amenable modern politician. · All the signs point to the con-

Vladimir was wholly free from the fatalistic gloom that has marked Nicholas II. for its own. The dead Grand Duke was before everything a viveur. He lived to gratify his senses; anything like the performance of sustained, plodding duty was displeasing to him.

He took no personal initiative in organzing the shooting down of the St. Petersourg workmen four years ago, yet he was blamed for it rightly enough. His name was signed to the orders to the troops and he could have withheld his name as military commander in the capital had he had the energy and seriousness to inform himself for what the mass of the people were agitating. When he learned from the foreign press that his name had been given to a cruel massacre he wept copiously and sent for reporters in whose presence he eagerly sought to whitewash

Aside from this Vladimir had a pleasanter renown among the people of St. Petersburg than most of his brothers. His sympathy with art was genuine and discriminating. He would have made an interesting man of fashion if he had not been clothed with responsibility for military and state affairs until almost the last

In his final coolness with the Czar he had the support of most Russians of the upper class. His eldest son, Cyril, had married the divorced wife of the Duke of Hesse, brother of the Czarina. The latter in her wrath prevailed on the Czar to strike Cyril's name off the list of Russian naval

Vladimir, who had no narrow scruples n the question of matrimony, resented this disgrace on his son and resigned all his offices. It is significant that although Cyrii was forgiven and restored to his naval rank three months ago, after the death of the Grand Duke Alexis, he has not returned from abroad for his father's funeral, nor has his arch enemy the Czarina left her palace to attend any of the services.

Who is there left that can be called Grand Duke in any political sense? The Czar's only surviving uncle, the Grand Duke Paul, has his permanent residence in France, also because of matrimonial considerations. He eloped with the wife of a Russian officer, and from that momen was dead so far as the family life of the court is concerned, for the reigning Czarthat is as rigid on the question of marriage as was her grandmother, Queen Victoria of England.

Circumstances and Mr. Stolypin have been too strong for the other Grand Dukes. They are being pushed out one by one from their titular appointments in the Russian army, and none of them has the mentality make himself a private power behind the throne.

Their downfall is not the fruit of radial agitation. It was first heralded by Mr. Goutchkoff, the Moscow "Octobrist," who represents the Government on the floor of the House in the Duma. He and the moderate Whigs, who support Mr. Slolypin, declared that the elimination of the Grand Dukes from places of command must be a condition precedent to

the professional reform of the army. The one fight that was made was by Nicholas Nicholaievitch, the unbeloved martinet, who succeeded Vladimir as mmander of the St. Petersburg troops. Harmony was impossible when he and the Prime Minister were at the same council table. Mr. Stolypin refused to give way the Czar was afraid to dismiss him, because he saw in the inevitable turmoil thar would follow the hated vision of Count Witte rising again to leadership.

There was nothing for it but to abandon Cousin Nicholas and with him all his

After all it is with the Czar himsel other man's fault that the outlook is so dark. As recently as a year ago the upper classes were inclined to speak of him with some forbearance, even kindliness. Now they will not hear his name with patience.

He "drees his weird" as dismally as the last of the Stuarts or the Bourbons, and for much the same reason. He will not expert hunters have gone after the prairie dukes is disappearing. In three months learn. At each step that his docile Duma and courtoeus Ministers make in loyal removed by death; others, the junior collateral members of the house of Romanoff, are eliminated successively by tations that he will ever voluntarily come out into the worksday world have fallen to zero.

There are unlikelier things than that the removal of his ring fence of Grand Dukes should result in his turning recluse and abandoning the temporal power in Russia to the first military cabal that will take it from his bands.

Own a Clock or Go Timeless. A petition is being circulated in Crafton re

questing the school board to silence the bell on the Second Ward schoolhouse.

The bell, attached to the clock, peals out the hours and the half hours. Residents near the building say it disturbs their sleep. The petition asserts the time for town clocks has passed and that any one too poor to buy clock for his home has no need to know the time.

Logical Interence.

grandfather. Alexander II., fell to the nihilists' bomb
Within an hour of his uncle Vladimir's death the other day he was speeding in an automobile from Tsarskoe-Selo to the Palace Quay in St. Petersburg—to the Palace Quay in St. Pet

POISONING PRAIRIE DOGS. Are a Serious Yest to Western Farmers and Stockmen.

Who would think that the prairie dog. the shy and amusing little rodent that we like to watch before the door of his burrow at the zoo, would ever become the subject of Government intervention or endanger the success of stock raising? Yet such is the fact, says the Technical World.

Out on the national forests which Uncle Sam is guarding for the use of the public much as one cow. dogs with zeal-and poison-and the work will go on yet more vigorously next year. In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the work an area of some 60,000 to 75,000 acres of actual dogtown was selected for the test by the United States Forest Service. From 80 to 90 per cent. of the dogs were killed with the first distribution of the poison.

The poison is prepared by coating wheat of potassium, anise oil and molasses.

the poisoning material is one and one-half

cents.

Prairie dogs are very obnoxicus to the stockmen, for they devour much grass and undermine the surface of the ground with their burrows. Where they establish themselves the destruction of trange is only a question of time. While it is hard to say just what amount of feed a prairie dog will consume in the way of grass, it has been estimated by the United States Biological Survey that thirty-two prairie dogs will consume as much grass as one sheep, or 256 dogs as much as one cow.

GOING ABOUT IN CHINA.

Useful Sedan Chair in the Crowded, Noisy Streets of the Cities.

Canton correspondence Penver Post There are but two ways to go about the Chinese city-on foot or in a sedan chair. The streets are from four to eight feet wide, the average being probably about six feet, and wheeled vehicles are out of the question. Even the jinrikisha cannot with a preparation of strychnine, cyanide he used here. If you try to make your way on foot the density of the moving When a sufficient quantity is ready the masses renders progress almost impossible

of potassium, anise oil and molasses. When a sufficient quantity is ready the poisoned wheat is carried to the field of operations. There the stockmen gladly supply men and horses, and the wheat is given out to the riders and distribution begins.

Each rider carries the wheat in a tin pail supported by a gunny sack slung across his right shoulder and hanging at his left side. His left hand is free for the reins. With his right hand he uses a tablespoon to measure out the poison and drop it near the entrance of the holes.

A little practice enables the men to drop the wheat while keeping their horses on a sharp trot. By crossing the town to and fro, like a man sowing grain, they short time.

It is necessary to go over the ground as second time, and by spotting the occupied holes the remaining dogs will easily short time.

It is necessary to go over the ground as second time, and by spotting the occupied holes the remaining dogs will easily be killed with a very small amount of poison. The average cost an acre for

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What Is Value-in-PIANOS

niture to fill a space, or a piece of mechan-ism to grind out street tunes, on which some deal-first, the inevitable growth of the love for good ers stencil untried names, and for which they ask a big enough price to protect them from loss jar on your nerves it it has not been built to when their so called "guarantee" fails.

Chase a piano? Surely not merely a carved and polished case, an article of furfirst, the inevitable growth of the love for good music will soon cause the piano to seriously

Highest Standard Required

in the art world. It is the artistic quality of the music which a piano produces that measures its value. That value can only become permanent or fixed after the piano has had years of test in the art world. One of the greatest protections to the purcher of a STERLING PIANO is the fact that our manufacturing and selling experience extends over a period of 49 years. It has given us a knowledge of pianos and their re al worth which no one can buy or sell.

Sterling

have gained not only an enviable reputation in every part of the world for their highest standard of musical qualities, but they have a price value that always gives the purchaser a positive asset. Not infrequently a dealer puts an exalted value on a piano which he takes in exchange on the purchase of a new one. When this is done, one of two things must happen in order that the exaggerated price in either case. dealer may protect himself from loss.

That is, the price he gets for the piano he sells must be very much more than its real worth, or he intends to make up the difference by selling the exchanged piano for a greatly exaggerated price. Some one suffers. Are you safe'in buying a piano under such conditions?

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There are 4,200 pairs of these Gloves. Every pair is of the finest real French kid in either glace or suede finish. Every pair is absolutely perfect in cut, in sizing and in stitching. The lengths range from 8 to 16 button and there are none but the staple shades in the assortment.

They are the identical standard qualities now being sold all over the country for \$2 to \$3.50 a pair. To-morrow's

price here will be \$1 a pair.

We shall give the Sale special space on the second floor. All arrangements have been made to provide prompt service to all who come. The accompanying details give some hint at the variety and character of the Gloves.

\$2 Suede S Butten Mousquetaires, \$1. In black, white, tans, modes and gray.

\$2.25 Glace S Butten Mousquetaires, \$1. In white, and some sizes in black and colors.

\$2.75 Glace 12 Butten Mousquetaires, \$1. In black, tans and grays. 92.25 Suede 12 Butten Meusquetaires, 61.
In black, white and gray.
83.50 Glace 16 Butten Mousquetaires, 81.

In black, tan and gray.

Main Floor. None Sent C. O. D.

No mail or telephone orders filled.

Very Great Offering of New Silks.

90cl All Silk 27 Inch Satin Messaline at 58c.

Strong, lustrous and soft, just the sort of Silk now in wide demand. In white, ivory, cream, mais, ciel blue, rose, pink, nile, heliotrope, orchid, Copenhagen, Atlantic, reseds, taupe, castor, biscuit, Gobelin, coral, cadet, leather, brown, pearl, navy, etc. \$1 All Silk 27 Inch Shantung Pongee at 68c.

A standard weave that is always in favor, and never more so than now. In white, ivory, cream, pink, ciel blue, illac, apricot, reseda, orchid, champagne, natural, tan, pearl, wistaria, cadet, Copengahen, linen, wine, Gobelin Delft, heliotrope, brown, royal, navy and black.

\$2 All Silk 36 Inch "Satin Prima" at \$1.25.

A beautiful, soft Directoire Satin of specially fine weave and a firm finish that won't "rough up." Note the particularly fine range of colors. White, ivory, cream, mais, ciel blue, pink, nile, coral, old rose, heliotrope, lilac, apricot, Atlantic, castor, Copenhagen, raspberry, mulberry, wistaria, clive, brown, catawba, American beauty, amethyst, navy, taupe, Dresden, lavender and black.

\$1 Black Messaline Satin Foulards, 39c.

One of the most unusual values ever offered at this price. They are of the finest quality, ALL SILK, and 24 inches wide. An excellent black and with a soft, justrous finish. A very close examination of some of the pieces will reveal a shadow of police spots, which the black due covers. This is the condition which makes this offer possible. None sent C. O. D.

Brass and White Iron Bedsteads. The Annual Spring Underprice Sale.

An Event That Makes a New Value Record. They can get lower prices and better values here tomorrow than they could by going straight to the factories and buying Bedsteads by the Hundred. They can select here from the best product of one of the principal makers in the country. They have back of every Bedstead THE LOESER GUARANTEE of its quality. In the Sale tomorrow you will find a fine assortment, and all of the Bedsteads are NEW; all of them are of full weight metal, solidly put together and finished in the finest manner.

Mattresses, Springs, etc., are also made an important feature of the Sale. It is an event that no one with a bedroom need will wisely miss.

Cotton Mattress \$17 Brass Bedsteads at \$8.

Two inch pillars, fancy spindles and ornamental construction, Colonial design; 3 feet, 3 feet 6, 4 feet and 4 feet 6

628 Brass Bedsteads, \$16.85. Two inch pillars and continuous bent top tubing, fancy spindles and orna-mental connections: 3 feet, 3 feet 6, 4

mental connections: 3 feet, 3 feet 6, 4 feet and 4 feet 6 sizes.

\$29 Brass Bedsteads, \$19.75.

Two inch pillars, 1½ inch square top rod, and ornamental laterals. Colonial design; 3 feet, 3 feet 6, 4 feet and 4 feet 6 sizes.

White Enamet Iron Bedsteads.

\$3.50, reg. \$4.25 | \$9.50, reg. \$11

\$5.75, reg. \$6.75 | \$10, reg. \$12

\$6.50, reg. \$7.75 | \$11, reg. \$13

Two inch pillars, pelish finish, Colonial design; 3 feet, 3 feet 6, 4 feet and 4 feet 6 sizes.

Two inch pillars and continuous bent tobular, cross rod and ornamental laterals; 3 feet, 3 feet 6, 4 feet and 4 feet 6 sizes. 839 Brass Bedsteads, \$27.65.

\$47 Brass Bedsteads, \$33.75. Two inch pillars and continuous bent top tubing, ornamental laterals; 3 feet, a feet 6, 4 feet and 4 feet 6 sizes.

\$53 Brass Bedsteads, \$34.50

\$5.25, regularly \$6.50. Cotton Mattresses, covered with A. C. A. ticking; full size. *. Cetton Felt Mattresses.

\$7.75, regularly \$9.75. Cotton felt Mattresses, covered with fancy tick-ing; full size.

\$9.50, regularly \$12. Cotton felt Mattresses, covered with fancy tick-ing; full size. Smaller sizes at proportionately reduced prices.

Box Springs.

\$8.75, regularly \$10.50. Special up-holstered Box Springs, covered with

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\$7, reg. \$8.25
\$12.25, reg. \$14.50
\$8.30, reg. \$15.50
\$8.30, reg. \$16.50
\$14, reg. \$16.50
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\$15, reg. \$16.50

Two inch square posts, with square sizes at proportionately refilling rods. Colonial design; 3 feet, 3 duced prices.

Third Floor.

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In the Greatest Offering Ever Made. ONDITIONS THAT MIGHT NOT OCCUR AGAIN in ten years are back of this Sale. They brought to us straight from the Custom House a complete stock of new and perfect Underwear for men of the famous French "Raguet" make—garments made and imported for this spring's selling. They brought us also a fine stock of the well known "Otis" Underwear

They enable us to make the lowest prices on these garments that we have ever known on Underwoor of equal

de and variety.

MEN'S' UNDERWEAR.

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Underwear at \$1.

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\$1 to \$1.50 Underwear at 59c.

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WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.

20c. and 25c. Underwear at 12½c.

25c. and 35c. Underwear at 19c.

\$5c. Underwear at 25c.

\$5c. Underwear at 39c.

\$5c. Underwear at 49c.

WOMEN'S COMBINATION SUITS. WOMEN'S COMBINATION SUITS. 50c. Combination Suits at 39c. 75c. Combination Suits at 59c. 81 Combination Suits at 69c. CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR. 25c. and 35c. Underwear at 19c. 25c. Underwear at 19c.

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WOMEN'S HOSIERY IN THREE PAIR LOTS,
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3 Pairs for 30c. Regularly 15c. a Pair.
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4 Pairs for 50c. Regularly 25c. a Pair.
5 Pairs for 51c. Regularly 25c. a Pair.
5 Pairs for 51c. Regularly 25c. a Pair.
5 Pairs for 51c. Regularly 35c. a Pair.
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S1 Hand Embroidered Chemise, 50c.

Made of soft percale, with scalloped edge. A value never equaled, we believe.

Initialed Chemises of soft percale, with scalloped edge, with eyelets and ribbon, the initial being inclosed in wreath of hand embroidery.

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Of soft nainsook, two styles, lace trimmed, some V shape: others square yoke; both have lace edges, finished with ribbon beading. Also pretty models with hand embroidered edge, eyelets and ribbon with a wreath and spray of hand embroidery with initial.

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Of soft nainsook, in two styles. One with medallions of hand embroidery and insertions of lace on the flounce, put on with veining; others with ruffle edged with Val. lace, put on with featherstitched band.

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Of fine nainsook with a six inch ruffle, fancy scalloped, hand embroidered edge and fancy design in the corner.

\$3.50 Nightgowns at \$2.98.

Of nainsook, chemise style with hand embroidered, scalloped edge and embroidered design on front, finished with eyelets and ribbon, three-quarter sleeves with ruffle, scalloped edge and featherstiched band.

Nightgowns at \$3.98.

Of soft nainsook, with hand embroidered edge, eyelets and ribbon, finished with an embroidered edge, eyelets and ribbon, finished with an embroidered floral design on body of gown.

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Fabrics are mannish worsteds, Panamas and smart famoy effects in new colorings. Coats are popular models, some trimmed and others plain. Most are lined with taffets silt or peau de cygne. Skirts are in distinctly new fashions and finely made.

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Two hundred dresses, one-piece effects, representing samples and cancelled orders from one of the largest silk dress manufacturers in the country. There are tafletas, mousselines, satins in a variety of styles, stripes, checks, solid colore and choice combinations. All are this season's most approved models; some have lace yokes, others are tucked; also varieties all embroidered effects and with choice combinations. Almost all of the most desirable colors will be found in the assortment.

S2 to 85 Separate Skirts, \$1.59.
One hundred sample wash Skirts, mostly white, in all the new styles for the coming season.

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One hundred of Panama, new gored effect, with deep fold at bottom and finished with covered buttons. Second Floor. None Sent C. O. D., Exchanged or on Appro-